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1. FURTHER AND MORE PRECISE DATA ON RECENT FIVE-AIRCRAFT
\$270-300 MILLION SALE TO IRAN AIR MADE AVAILABLE TO RCAA
BY BOEING JUNE 16. FIRST AIRCRAFT ON ORDER IS BOEING 747-86SP
FOR DELIVERY JUNE 1979 (NOT MARCH 1980 AS CITED REFTTEL),
WITH THE FOUR FOLLOWING BOEING 747-186B'S ON ORDER FOR
DELIVERIES JULY 1979, MARCH 1980, APRIL 1980, MARCH 1981.
ALL FIVE AIRCRAFT WILL BE POWERED BY P&W JT9D-7F'S
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(48,000 LBS. THRUST). THE AIRFFRAMES OF THE 747-186B'S HAVE
BEEN STRENGTHENED TO WITHSTAND 20 YEARS OF MULTIPLE LANDING
CYCLE, SHORT STAGE-LENGTH, SCHEDULED OPERATIONS. MAXIMUM
GROSS TAKEOFF WEIGHT OF THE 747-186B'S IS 735,000 LBS.
THESE VERSATILE AIRCRAFT WILL BE DEPLOYED ON DOMESTIC, REGIONAL,
WEST EUROPEAN TURNAROUND, AND INTERCONTINENTAL ROUTES
(EXCEPT FOR TEHRAN-NEW YORK-TEHRAN NONSTOP SECTORS RESERVED

FOR 747-86SP'S).

2. BOEING INDICATES EXIMBANK HAS ISSUED PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN FINANCING PACKAGE FOR THE NEW AIRCRAFT WITH A 45 PERCENT DIRECT LOAN AT EIGHT AND ONE-HALF PERCENT - EIGHT AND THREE QUARTERS PERCENT INTEREST RATE. COMMERCIAL BANKS WILL COVER REMAINING 45 PERCENT TO BE BORROWED AFTER TEN PERCENT DOWNPAYMENT BY IRAN AIR.

3. BOEING AND RCAA HOPEFUL INTRODUCTION VERSATILE 747-186B INTO FLEET WILL DETER FURTHER IRAN AIR ACQUISITIONS OF A-300 B2-200 (FORMERLY DESIGNATED A-300 B2K) AIRBUSES BEYOND THE NINE PRESENTLY ON ORDER OR OPTION BY AIRLINE.HOLMES

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